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MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Precedence Assignment for Reconnaissance
Readout Messages

The Defense Intelligence Agency has proposed (see attachment) procedures to be followed for the assignment of communication precedence in connection with information resulting from preliminary interpretation of TALENT, TALENT-KEYHOLE, and CHURCHDOOR photography. The COMOR, at its meeting of 14 May (see COMOR-M-79) approved the proposal. Accordingly it is requested that NPIC and [] be guided by the attachment in assigning precedence of messages communicating the results of preliminary readout.

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Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Attachment:
Subject Paper

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Precedence Assignment for Reconnaissance Readout Messages

1. Historically, all messages on reconnaissance readout have been automatically assigned an OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE precedence. This is believed to be unnecessary in the majority of cases.
2. The activity generated in field elements upon receipt of such high precedence traffic is generally unappreciated in the Washington area. Our criteria for assigning such precedence should be more clearly defined in order that non-duty receipt of this traffic can be handled routinely as much as possible.
3. It is therefore recommended that the following categories of information be assigned the message precedence indicated on all future initial photo interpretation reporting:

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